

Assembly Bill No. 707

CHAPTER 84

An act to amend Section 19596.2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 707, Garrick. Horse racing: thoroughbred races.

Existing law authorizes a thoroughbred racing association or fair to distribute the audiovisual signal and accept wagers on the results of out-of-state thoroughbred races conducted in the United States during the calendar period the association or fair is conducting a race meeting, as specified, without the consent of the organization that represents horsemen participating in the race meeting and without regard to the amount of purses. Existing law prohibits the total number of thoroughbred races imported by associations or fairs on a statewide basis, as specified, from exceeding 32 per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the state. Certain well-known races are excluded from this limitation, including the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes.

This bill would increase that limit on the total number of races from 32 to 50.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 19596.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

19596.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as provided in Section 19596.4, a thoroughbred racing association or fair may distribute the audiovisual signal and accept wagers on the results of out-of-state thoroughbred races conducted in the United States during the calendar period the association or fair is conducting a race meeting, including days on which there is no live racing being conducted by the association or fair, without the consent of the organization that represents horsemen participating in the race meeting and without regard to the amount of purses. Further, the total number of thoroughbred races imported by associations or fairs on a statewide basis under this section shall not exceed 50 per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the

state. The limitation of 50 imported races per day does not apply to any of the following:

- (1) Races imported for wagering purposes pursuant to subdivision (c).
- (2) Races imported that are part of the race card of the Kentucky Derby, the Kentucky Oaks, the Preakness Stakes, the Belmont Stakes, the Jockey Club Gold Cup, the Travers Stakes, the Arlington Million, the Breeders' Cup, the Dubai Cup, or the Haskell Invitational.
- (3) Races imported into the northern zone when there is no live thoroughbred or fair racing being conducted in the northern zone.
- (4) Races imported into the combined central and southern zones when there is no live thoroughbred or fair racing being conducted in the combined central and southern zones.

(b) Any thoroughbred association or fair accepting wagers pursuant to subdivision (a) shall conduct the wagering in accordance with the applicable provisions of Sections 19601, 19616, 19616.1, and 19616.2.

(c) No thoroughbred association or fair may accept wagers pursuant to this section on out-of-state races commencing after 7 p.m., Pacific standard time, without the consent of the harness or quarter horse racing association that is then conducting a live racing meeting in Orange or Sacramento Counties.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to immediately realize the economic benefits to local economies, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.